

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraphs introduced on page 8 of the specification in the amendment filed May 17, 2005, with the following rewritten paragraphs:

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS**

Figure 1 illustrates the expression of protein ICBP90 in HeLa cells (tumor cells) and in pulmonary fibroblasts in primary culture (non-tumoral cells).

Figure 2 illustrates immunoprecipitation of the endogenous protein.

Figure 3 illustrates nuclear localization of the endogenous protein.

Figure 4 illustrates expression of endogenous ICBP59 in proliferating cells.

Figure 5 illustrates expression of ICBP-59 in diverse human tissues.

Figure 6 illustrates nucleotide sequence of ICBP90 (nucleotide sequence SEQ ID NO. 1).

Figure 7 illustrates protein sequence of ICBP90 (amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO. 2).

Figure 8 illustrates detection of ICBP90 in the sera of patients displaying elevated serum markers for solid tumors.

Figure 9 a-b illustrates structural organization of the ICBP 90 gene. Figure 9 A. Exons are represented by the boxes: the grey boxes represent coding exons; white boxes represent non-coding exons. Figure 9B is sequence of the 5' flanking region of the ICBP gene (SEQ ID NO. 12).

Figure 10 illustrates analysis of the ICBP promoter.

Figure 11 illustrates ~~Nothern~~ Northern and Western blot analysis of the expression of ICBP90.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF INVENTION